

**REMARKS**

The applicants appreciate the allowance of all pending claims. The applicants note that the statement of reasons for allowance states that “the cited prior arts alone or in combination fail to jointly suggest or teach the claimed combination of features as taught by the instant application. Ramamurthy, Angle, Aybay, and Cavendish do not specifically teach a MxM crosspoint switch matrix having N number of input ports, N number of queue and N number of output ports where N input ports are equally divided into M output groups and N output ports are equally divided into M output ports. Ramamurthy, Angle, Aybay and Cavendish do not specifically teach the steps of applying diagonal service pattern in a predetermined diagonal module group and transferring updated input port reservation information and updated output port reservation information to two subsequent stage modules in both row and common directions of the MxM module matrix.”

The applicants note that the above features are associated with claim 1. Independent claims 3, 6, and 8 do not recite these features. However, the combination of features recited in each of claims 3, 6, and 8, are likewise not disclosed or suggested by the art of record.

**CONCLUSION**

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